Ocean Development Appropriate consolidated claims will be made thereafter.

(c) The Indian Coast Guard had already undertaken the combating of oil slick by aerial and ship spray of chemical dispersants. The Department of Ocean Development in collaboration with National Institute of Oceanography propose to undertake a second cruise to study the long-term effects on marine life in the affected area.

Loss of revenue due to faulty scrap sale by Railways

*30. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Ministry is loosing crores of rupees due to faulty scrap sale;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI K. C. LENKA (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deficit in oil-pool account

*31. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil-pool account is likely to show a deficit of more than Rupees One Hundred Crores during the current financial year; if so, what is the deficit on the account till 31st January 1993 and the manner in which Government propose to meet this deficit;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has cut the production of crude oil in 1991 and in 1992 and if so, to what extent the production has been reduced;

(c) whether the IOC has been forced to procure foreign exchange from the open market for the import of crude oil; and

(d) what was the projection of oil-pool account for 1992-93 and what is the actual position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (d) According to present estimates, the oil pool is expected to end with a cash surplus of Rs. 100 crores by the end of current financial year.

(b) As against an original estimate of crude oil production of 24.544 MMT by ONGC during 1992-93, it is expected to be 22.91 MMT. The production during 1991-92 has been 27.82 MMT.

(c) According to current estimates, the import of crude oil by IOC is likely to be covered by the allocated foreign exchange.

Reinstatement of Railway Employees

*32. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reinstate those Railway employees who were dismissed under Rule 14/2 and in whose favour either High Courts or CAT (Central Administrative Tribunal) have given favourable judgements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.